Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* (*a*) On 29th June 1944/16th Mithunam 1119.

(*b*) The Government were of opinion that this organisation had for its object interference with the administration of the law and with the maintenance of law and order and that it constituted a danger to the public peace.

(*c*) *i.* The Mahila Samajam, the Bala Samajam, the Kisan Sangham and the Kavu Thozhilali Sangham and their branches.

ii. Since 29th June 1944 (16th Mithunam 1119).

(*d*) Government are aware that in British India the ban on some unlawful associations have been lifted recently.

(*e*) No. Government think that it is not yet time to lift the ban without endangering public peace.

Mr: P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):* May I know whether the union is registered? And whether the subjects of the union have not been given in the rules?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Certainly. The objects of the union as given in the rules are not exactly what has happened. What I mean is that the unsatisfactory character about this society was not given as an object of the union.

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):* How did the Government come to know of the objects?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* By bitter experience of the activities taken up by this Union.

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):* May I know whether a number of representations from several quarters of the State have not reached Government requesting them to lift the ban?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* We have received a number of resolutions passed by the Trade Unions and Labour Associations and also others both in the State and outside.

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES—MARKETING OF ARECANUTS

107. മിസ്റ്റർ.വി. ആർ. കൃഷ്ണനെഴുത്തശ്ശൻ : താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കു മറുപടി പറയുവാൻ ഗവൺമെണ്ടിനു ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ.—

(എ) അടക്കവ്യാപാരത്തിൽ ഏർപ്പെടുവാനുള്ള ഒരു സഹകരണസംഘം തുടങ്ങുവാൻ ഗവൺമെണ്ടു് ആലോചിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ ;

(ബി) ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അതിനു് എന്തെല്ലാം നടപടികൾ എടുത്തുകഴിഞ്ഞു ?

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ജെ. മാത്യു : (എ) അടക്കാകൃഷിക്കാർക്കു തങ്ങളുടെ ചരക്കിനു മതിയായ വില ലഭിക്കുവാൻ വേണ്ട സഹായം ചെയ്യുവാൻ ഗവൺമെണ്ടിനു് ആഗ്രഹം ഉണ്ടു്. ഒരു സഹകരണസംഘം തുടങ്ങേണ്ടുന്ന കാര്യം ഗവൺമെണ്ടിന്റെ ആലോചനയിൽ ഇരിക്കുന്ന പ്രശ്നങ്ങളിൽ ഒന്നാണു്.

(ബി) സംഗതി ഇപ്പോൾ ഗവൺമെണ്ടിന്റെ അന്വേഷണത്തിൽ ഇരിക്കയാണു്.

EXCISE DUTY—ARECANUTS

108. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether as a result of the visit of Mr. H. Greenfield of the Government of India, to the State any new arrangements or understanding has been arrived at between the Government of India and the Cochin Government regarding the States' share in the Excise duty collection on arecanut ;

(*b*) if the answer to the above is in the affirmative, what is the nature of the new arrangement or understanding ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) The apportionment of the duty as agreed to between this Government and the India Government is according to the following formula.—

$$A = \frac{R \times T}{P}$$

Where A=Amount retainable by a State out of the Excise revenue collected by it.

R=Total net revenue in any year calculated from 1st April to 31st March collected in British India and all the participating States (*i.e.*, gross revenue less the cost of collection),

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